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Newsletter

Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 19th 2021

My dear parishioners,

I hope this finds you well and looking forward to celebrating the beautiful feast of Christmas with family and friends. The liturgy of this Fourth Sunday of Advent invites us to reflect on what has been called The Visitation, the charming meeting between Mary and Elizabeth. It is a gracious moment; Elizabeth acknowledges the presence of the mother of the Lord; her unborn baby leaps for joy in recognition of the unborn Jesus, the one whom God has sent to save us. Of course the text invites us to ponder deeply the sacredness of the womb, a type of tabernacle which holds the mystery of new life.

As we approach Christmas let us remember in our prayers all women who are pregnant today, in every country. May they feel our love and esteem and support as they prepare to bring a new life into our world; we pray too for all the children born this year that each one will receive the tender love and support they need and deserve.

Thank you to everyone who has brought a children's gift; it is greatly appreciated and all the gifts have been passed on. *Thank you.*

Scottish Government Update on minor changes to guidance for places of worship: we have been asked to provide reserved seating for those who are exempt from wearing a face covering; this also includes providing for them a 2-meter distance. Please follow the guidance from the stewards. *Thank you for your co-operation.*

Bishop Toal has written a Christmas Message to the priests and people of the diocese and this can be read at www.rcdom.org.uk

A Message from Fertility Care Scotland: Family Planning-God's Way-Nature's Way: the Billings Ovulation Method of Natural Fertility Regulation is 99% effective in avoiding pregnancy with no side effects. This method is also highly effective in helping couples achieve a much-wanted pregnancy. For an information pack or details of a teacher in your area, please tel: 0141 221 0858, or E-Mail: info@fertilitycare.org.uk; website at www.fertilitycare.org.uk

Support for those living with cancer: 'My Light' is there to support you whenever you need it, wherever you are. Whether you've just started treatment, you're living with cancer or supporting a loved one, access **My Light** for advice, blogs, information articles and helpful videos, tailored to every stage of your cancer journey. For more help and advice: 0141 212 0505, email: Info@beatsoncancercharity.org, www.beatsoncancercharity.org/my-light.

The Holy Ghost Fathers' Charity Shop in Carfin will now be open Monday to Saturday from 10am-2pm. Donations of good quality clothing and bric-a-brac will always be gratefully received.

I offer here the schedule for the days ahead:

Saturday December 18th: Vigil Mass at St. Paul's at 4pm and at St. Mary's at 5.30pm

Sunday December 19th: Mass at St. Paul's at 9.15am and at St. Mary's at 10.30am

Monday December 20th: Mass at St. Mary's at 10am

Tuesday: December 21st: Mass at St. Paul's at 10am

Wednesday December 22nd: Mass at St. Mary's at 10am

Friday, December 24th, Christmas Eve:

Mass at St. Mary's at 4pm and at 8pm

(No service at St. Paul's)

Saturday, December 25th, Christmas Day:

Mass at St. Paul's at 10.30am

Mass at St. Mary's at 10.30am

(No Vigil Masses in the afternoon)

Sunday, December 26th

Mass at St. Paul's at 9.15am

Mass at St. Mary's at 10.30am

Monday December 27th Mass at St. Mary's at 10am

Tuesday December 28th Mass at St. Paul's at 10am

Wednesday December 29th Mass at St. Mary's at 10am

Thursday December 30th **(Requiem for Mrs Catherine McLean, St. Mary's 10am)**

Saturday, January 1st 2022

Mass at St. Paul's at 10.30am

Mass at St. Mary's at 10.30am

(No Vigil Masses in the afternoon)

Sunday, January 2nd

Mass at St. Paul's at 9.15am

Mass at St. Mary's at 10.30am

Monday, January 3rd Mass at 10am

Please remember in your prayers:

All who are ill and have asked us to pray for them:

Recently Deceased: Catherine McLean, George McCluskie, James Keeney, Margaret Gemson, Geraldine McCarthy, Jane Fagan, Eugene Morrison, Marion Leddie, May McConnachie Hughes, Cathie McConnachie, Jim Sharkey, Matt Dick, Maria McDade

Special Remembrance, Rosaleen Mournian, Winifred McGuire, Frank Docherty, Margaret Duffin, Elizabeth, John and James Fulton, Michael and Alice Sweeney, Jaime Donnelly, Anna Donnelly, Elizabeth Donnelly, Peter Devine, Kevin Burns, Michael Flynn, Betty Cochrane, Gerard and Rita Kane, Elizabeth Fitzpatrick, John McFall, Pat and Peggy McFall, John and Peggy Montague, John Toner, Mattie Beavers, Archie and Cathy Rodden, May Mullen, Ann Murphy, William Ward, Margaret Phairs, Margaret Bonnar, Gerard Falsey, Mary and John Dowds, Betty and Tommy Falsey, Kevin Bryant, Ella and Joe Paterson, deceased members of the King and Ward families, Patrick Bodwick, deceased members of the Dalton and McKenna families, Michael and Mary O'Brien, Harry and Elizabeth Morgan, Owen and Isabella Currie, Alec and May Morgan, Tom O'Brien, Tess McMahan and all our deceased relatives and friends and the benefactors of St. Mary's and St. Paul's, *requiescant in pace.*